A.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter. The report of the Medical Board which examined the prisoner has been forwarded to the Government of India. The general diagnosis was chronic dysentery. The symptoms were of the type usually observed in such cases.

(d) & (e) He was reported to have been suffering from dysentery but no recommendation appears to have been received from Trichinopoly for his examination by specialists or to the effect that his case was one of suspected intestinal tuberculosis.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the Government have received any information from the Government of India with regard to the representations which it has made to them in regard to the condition of these prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"May I know to which representation does the hon. Member refer."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Does the Government say that neither they received any representation nor did they send a report to the Government of India?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Any representation that is received from these prisoners is forwarded to the Government of India."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the Government has received any information with regard to those representations from the Government of India?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Not with reference to the representations, mentioned in the answer to this question.

Appointment of a Medical Board to examine Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh and Jivan Lall Chatterjee.

* 217 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Surendra Mohan Ghosh and Jivan Lall Chatterjee, State prisoners, applied some time back to the Government to have their examination conducted by a Medical Board of specialists like Dr. B. C. Roy of Calcutta and others;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to appoint such a Board; and

(c) if not, whether the Government will state the reasons for the same?

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A.—(a), (b) & (c) As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter. Any representations received from State prisoners detained in this Presidency under the orders of the Government of India are forwarded to that Government as soon as received. No application of the nature described appears to have been received by this Government.

Transfer of Messrs. Ghosh and Chatterjee to a cooler place.

* 218 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that since the transfer of Messrs. Ghosh and Chatterjee from the Trichinopoly Central Jail to the Rajahmundry Central Jail, their cases have become worse;

(b) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Ghosh and Chatterjee applied for their transfer to some other cooler place, as they cannot stand the unbearable heat at Rajahmundry;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to grant their requests; and

(d) if not, why not?

A.—(a) There is nothing to show that the condition of the prisoners has become worse since their transfer to Rajahmundry.

(b) Yes.

(c) & (d) As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter. The petitions were therefore forwarded to the Government of India.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Proposal, if any, for the revival of the schools of commerce abolished as a measure of retrenchment.

219 Q.—Mr. Mahboob Ali Baig: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) when the Institute of Commerce, Madras, and the Government Schools of Commerce at Calicut and Vizagapatam, were started and with what object;

(b) whether it is a fact that these three useful institutions were abolished at the same time as a measure of retrenchment and as a consequence of the deficit budget in 1931–32;

(c) whether the Government considered the matter of reviving these schools when the finances improved and when there was a surplus budget in 1932–33 and 1933–34; and

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